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Application of:	E. Conley	Group Art Unit:	To be assigned
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Title:	Device for Examining Cells Using the Patch Clamp Method		

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Introductory Comments

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority to international application number PCT/GB2003/003179 filed July 28, 2003. This application also claims priority to patent application number 0217564.4 filed in Great Britain on July 30, 2002.